

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): In an operating system configured to support a plurality of file types, a method for displaying a plurality of files, a first file having a first file type and a second file having a second file type, wherein a set of relevant properties of each file type is stored by the operating system, the method comprising:

associating by the operating system a first property with the first file type, and storing by the operating system a value corresponding to the first property for the first file;

associating by the operating system a second property with the second file type, and storing by the operating system a value corresponding to the second property for the second file, wherein the second property is different from the first property;

displaying a first-value stored by the operating system corresponding to of the first property of the first file at a location relative to a first graphical representation of the first file; and

displaying a second-value stored by the operating system corresponding to of the second property of the second file at the same location relative to a second graphical representation of the second file.

Claim 21-39 (Cancelled)

Claim 40 (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the value corresponding to the first property for the first file and the value corresponding to the second property for the second file are authored by the operating system.

Claim 41 (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the first property and second property are not user-assignable properties.

Claim 42 (New): The method of claim 20, wherein the set of relevant properties for the first file type is different from the set of relevant properties for the second file type.

Claim 43 (New): The method of claim 20, wherein the first and second properties are textual properties.

Claim 44 (New): One or more computer readable media comprising computer executable instructions which, when executed in on a computer system configured to support a plurality of file types, perform a method for displaying a plurality of files, a first file having a first file type and a second file having a second file type, wherein a set of relevant properties of each file type is stored by the operating system, the method comprising:

- associating by the operating system a first property with the first file type, and storing by the operating system a value corresponding to the first property for the first file;

- associating by the operating system a second property with the second file type, and storing by the operating system a value corresponding to the second property for the second file, wherein the second property is different from the first property;

- displaying a value stored by the operating system corresponding to the first property of the first file at a location relative to a first graphical representation of the first file; and

- displaying a value stored by the operating system corresponding to the second property of the second file at the same location relative to a second graphical representation of the second file.

Claim 45 (New) The computer readable media of claim 44, wherein the value corresponding to the first property for the first file and the value corresponding to the second property for the second file are authored by the operating system.

Claim 46 (New) The computer readable media of claim 44, wherein the first property and second property are not user-assignable properties.

Claim 47 (New): The computer readable media of claim 44, wherein the set of relevant properties for the first file type is different from the set of relevant properties for the second file type.

Claim 48 (New): The computer readable media of claim 44, wherein the first and second properties are textual properties.

Claim 49 (New): In an operating system, a method of displaying a plurality of files, comprising:
in a first memory location dedicated by said operating system to storing a value of a first enumerated property, storing a value associated with a first file of a first file type;
in a second memory location dedicated by said operating system to storing a value of a second enumerated property, storing a value associated with a second file of a second file type different from said first file type, wherein the second enumerated property is different from the first enumerated property;
displaying a graphical representation of the first file;
displaying, at a location relative to the graphical representation of the first file, data based on the value stored in the first dedicated memory location;
displaying a graphical representation of the second file; and
displaying, at the same location relative to the graphical representation of the second file, data based on the value stored in the second dedicated memory location.

Claim 50 (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the value associated with the first file and the value associated with the second file are assigned by the operating system.

Claim 51 (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the first enumerated property and second enumerated property are not user-assignable properties.

Claim 52 (New): The method of claim 49, wherein the first enumerated property and second enumerated property are graphical properties.

Claim 53 (New): The method of claim 49, wherein the first enumerated property and second enumerated property are textual properties.

Claim 54 (New): One or more computer readable media comprising computer executable instructions which, when executed in on a computer system, perform a method for displaying a plurality of files, the method comprising the steps of:

- in a first memory location dedicated by said operating system to storing a value of a first enumerated property, storing a value associated with a first file of a first file type;

- in a second memory location dedicated by said operating system to storing a value of a second enumerated property, storing a value associated with a second file of a second file type different from said first file type, wherein the second enumerated property is different from the first enumerated property;

- displaying a graphical representation of the first file;

- displaying, at a location relative to the graphical representation of the first file, data based on the value stored in the first dedicated memory location;

- displaying a graphical representation of the second file; and

- displaying, at the same location relative to the graphical representation of the second file, data based on the value stored in the second dedicated memory location.

Claim 55 (New) The computer readable media of claim 54, wherein the value associated with the first file and the value associated with the second file are assigned by the operating system.

Claim 56 (New) The computer readable media of claim 54, wherein the first enumerated property and second enumerated property are not user-assignable properties.

Claim 57 (New): The computer readable media of claim 54, wherein the first enumerated property and second enumerated property are graphical properties.

Claim 58 (New): The computer readable media of claim 54, wherein the first enumerated property and second enumerated property are textual properties.